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SUBJECT: USG CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 0090

1. REPROGRAMMING ACTION PROVIDING UP TO \$18 MILLION AS FURTHER USG CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNHCR IN SUPPORT OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN HAS GONE INTO EFFECT. PLANNED CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO \$18 MILLION IS BASED ON USG PROJECTION THAT UNHCR PROGRAM FOR NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1981, WILL SOON TOTAL \$60 MILLION VERSUS UNHCR'S ORIGINALLY PROJECTED COSTS FOR ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR OF \$52.497 MILLION. USG PLANS TO CONTRIBUTE 30 PER CENT OF THE DOLLAR COST OF THE UNHCR PROGRAM.

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GRAM IN PAKISTAN.

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2. BECAUSE REFUGEE PROGRAM IS STILL OPERATING UNDER TERMS OF A CONTINUING RESOLUTION, USG AT PRESENT CAN PLEDGE ONLY \$13 MILLION UNCONDITIONALLY, WITH \$5 MILLION REMAINING AS A CONDITIONAL PLEDGE PENDING EITHER ENACTMENT OF AN FY 1981 APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTINUING RESOLUTION THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

3. FOLLOWING PATTERN OF DISBURSEMENTS IS AUTHORIZED: \$6 MILLION EACH ON MARCH 31 AND JUNE 30, 1981. FINAL CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1981. FUNDING CITATION DATA PER AGREED FORMAT WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

4. LANGUAGE IN SUBPARAGRAPHS B AND C OF PARAGRAPH 6 REFTEL SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO TEXT OF PLEDGE LETTER.

5. WE ARE MAKING A PLEDGE OF THIS SIZE AT THIS TIME TO ASSURE UNHCR'S AFGHAN RELIEF PROGRAM CONTINUES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION AND TO STRENGTHEN THE UNHCR'S HAND IN ATTRACTING OTHER DONOR PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED REPORTING ON HOW EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE PROCEEDING AND YOUR VIEWS ON WHAT USG MIGHT USEFULLY DO TO ASSIST AT THIS TIME. IN THIS CONTEXT, AS INDICATED PARA 1 ABOVE, IT APPEARS THAT UNHCR'S ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR AFGHAN RELIEF, PREDICATED UPON MEETING NEEDS OF 1.1 MILLION REFUGEES, WILL NEED TO BE REVISED SOON. THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE MERIT IN DOING THIS SOONER RATHER THAN LATER SO AS TO GIVE THE WORLD COMMUNITY A MORE REALISTIC APPRECIATION OF THE ACTUAL REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE LET US KNOW OF UNHCR'S PLANS IN THIS REGARD. HAIG

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